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### 1. CHINA

BIPARTISAN 10-MEMBER US CODEL LEFT FOR SHANGHAI THURS;  
PRES' SON "CHIP" ACCOMPANYING GROUP, WH HAVING SAID HIS  
INCLUSION INDICATED IMPORTANCE CARTER ATTACHES TO VISIT  
(REUTER 4/7).

KINSHASA SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES PRC IS SENDING 30 TONS  
EMERGENCY MIL SUPPLIES BY PLANE, TO BE FOLLOWED SOON BY  
LARGER SHIPMENT BY SEA, TO HELP ZAIRE FIGHT OFF KATANGAN  
REBELS (REUTER, NYT; WP'S WRIGHT).  
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BRITISH OPPOSITION LEADER THATCHER TOURED FOOD MARKET  
THURS (CSM); MET CHINESE LEADERS FOR TALKS. AT BANQUET,  
SHE WARNED HOSTS WOULD BE WRONG NEGLECT REALITY OF SOVIET  
POWER (REUTER PEKING 4/7).

### 2. INDOCHINA

WP CARRIES 3 PIX DEPICTING FORCED LABOR IN CAMBODIA. STAFF  
WRITER MARIANO SAYS FOTOS BELIEVED 1ST OF ACTUAL CONDITIONS  
IN COUNTRYSIDE. NOTES PHOTOGRAPHER DIED IN ATTEMPT

ESCAPE COUNTRY BUT RELATIVE SMUGGLED OUT FILM. CALLS PIX VISUAL CONFIRMATION OF HARSH CONDITIONS, BUT DOES NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT WERE PLANTED BY ANTI-KR GROUPS. QUOTES REFUGEES TAHT KHMERS IN THAI CAMPS ALONG BORDER FRIGHTENED/FEAR REPRISALS CROSS-BORDER RAIDS BY KR.

MCARTHUR (LAT 4/6) QUOTES TRAVELERS THAT SAIGON ROCKED BY SERIES EXPLOSIONS 3/19; RUMORS SAID FORMER SVN SOLDIERS HAD SABOTAGED 1 OR MORE AMMO DUMPS ON CITY'S OUTSKIRTS. DISPLAY APPARENTLY TIMED TO COINCIDE W/ARRIVAL WOODCOCK MISSION AT HANOI. NOTES DIPL SOURCES CONFIRM EXPLOSIONS.

FOUR SENTENCED TO DEATH IN SAIGON FOR ORGANIZED MURDER/ ROBBERY (REUTER E BERLIN).

### 3. PHILIPPINES

GOSSIP COLUMNIST SMITH (SUN) SAYS MARCOS/IMELDA IN FACTIONAL SPLIT; SHE WANT BE MADE PM.

TWO WKS BEFORE MARCOS MAKES 2ND OFFICIAL VISIT JAPAN, FIL/JAPANESE/US SOLDIERS RETURN TO MARK 35TH ANNIVERSARY FALL BATAAN (REUTER MOUNT SAMAT).

### 4. INDONESIA UNCLASSIFIED

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PERTAMINA EXTENDS FOR 6 MOS LNG AGREEMENT W/SOCAL/PG&E THAT DUE EXPIRE 4/9. IMPORT LNG UNDER AGREEMENT INTO US SO FAR DELAYED DUE LACK TERMINAL FACILITIES (BRIGHAM, CSM).

### 5. KOREA/AUSTRALIA

THARP (CSM) SAYS NK MAY BE READY REOPEN NORMAL DIPL RELS W/GOA. PYONGYANG DECISION SEND DEL TO IPU CONF CANBERRA 4/9 SEEN AS ATTEMPT PATCH UP RELS W/AUSSIES. ADDS NK LEFT CANBERRA IN HUFF LAST YR TO PROTEST MOVES IN UN BY AUSTRALIA TO SUPPORT EQUAL MEMBERSHIP BOTH KOREAS.

### 6. JAPAN

KYODO REPORTS JAPANESE OFFICIALS MADE OFFER DURING MTG W/US SPECIAL TRADE REP STRAUSS 4/7 TO REGULATE FLOW JAPANESE COLOR TVS INTO US. REPORT UNCONFIRMED, THO KYODO SAYS DETAILS WILL BE DISCUSSED WHEN JAPAN'S DEP VICE-MIN INTL TRADE/INDUSTRY MASUDA VISITS US SOME TIME IN FUTURE. IN WASHINGTON, STRAUSS OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID WHATEVER DISCUSSED IN TOKYO "SUBJECT TO A GOOD DEAL" DISCUSSION HERE. UNIDENTIFIED US INDUSTRY SOURCE SAYS OFFER MAY HAVE BEEN "PUBLICITY GIMMICK" TO PREVENT ITC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASED TARIFFS FROM GOING INTO EFFECT (AP NYT, SUN; PHINQ; HOLUSHA, WSTAR 4/7;

CULLISON, JOC; WSJ; SAAR, WP; REUTER TOKYO 4/7).

OVER 3 MILLION JAPANESE WORKERS WENT ON STRIKE 4/8  
FOR HIGHER PAY, DISRUPTED TRAIN SCHEDULES/MAIL DELIVERIES/  
METALS, TEXTILE PRODUCTION. STATE RR MEN STOPPED WORK  
24 HRS; RADICAL LEFTWINGERS ADDED TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION  
BY BLOCKING HIGHWAYS IN TOKYO/3 OTHER CITIES (REUTER  
TOKYO).

ALL JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION REJECTS 5.9 PCT PAY HIKE OFFER  
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AS "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE," ADVISED SHIPPING LINES IT  
INTENDED CALL REFERENDUM 4/8 (JOC).

ANNOUNCING DEFERRAL US' NUKE POWER PROJECTS, PRES CARTER  
STATED SUCH RENUNCIATION SHOULD NOT MAKE "GERMANY,  
JAPAN AND OTHERS" FEEL US WAS TRYING INTERFERE IN THEIR  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS THRU CRITICISM/PRESSURE DO LIKEWISE  
(TREWHITT, SUN). PRES APPEALED TO OTHER NATIONS MAKE  
MAXIMUM EFFORTS CURB SPREAD NUKE WEAPONS. NY REP BINGHAM  
SAID BELIEVED ADMIN WOULD TRY THRU DIPL CHANNELS PERSUADE  
JAPAN/FRG NOT ENGAGE IN REPROCESSING (COWAN, NYT).

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPANESE OFFICIALS GAVE "CAUTIOUS  
WELCOME" PRES' DECISION DELAY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
PLUTONIUM IN US. DIRECTOR-GENRL JAPAN'S SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY  
AGENCY SAID CARTER'S STATEMENT, W/STRESS ON COMMERCIAL  
ASPECT PLUTONIUM DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVES PROSPECTS FOR  
CURRENT US-JAPAN TALKS ON RECYCLING.

NEW LIBERAL CLUB CHIEF KONO SAID 4/6 PARTY PLANS RUN  
AT LEAST 80 CANDIDATES IN NEXT LOWER HOUSE ELECTION/WOULD  
COMPLETE STRATEGY AFTER SEEING HOW WELL ITS 11-12 CANDI-  
DATES DO IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS (LAT, 4/7).

JAMESON (LAT 4/2) REPORTS LDP PLANS MAKE ELECTORAL  
PROCESS BIT MORE LIBERAL/DEMOCRATIC BY PROPOSING PLAN

AT SPECIAL PARTY CONVENTION THIS MONTH GIVING RANK  
AND FILE LDP MEMBERS SMALL VOICE IN CHOOSING PM. IF  
PLAN APPROVED, MAY HELP LDP BREAK SHACKLES OF TOTAL  
DEPENDENCE ON BIG BUSINESS FOR SUPPORT.

DOLLAR GAINED SLIGHTLY AGAINST YEN 4/7, BUT HAS MADE  
UP LESS THAN 1-TENTH GROUND LOST MON/TUES (WP).

ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS HAS SIGNED 70-MIL-DOL CONTRACT TO  
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BUY 3 MORE LOCKHEED JETS, FOR DELIVERY SUMMER '78 (WSJ, NYT).

IN AP STORY ON 2 INTL BANKERS' HOUSE TESTIMONY RE RECENT CONCERN OVER DEFAULT ON LOANS TO LDOS, LAT CITES CHASE MANHATTAN EXEC VP HALEY THAT SUCH STORIES EXAGGERATED; NOTES CHASE'S LARGEST SINGLE FON LENDING IN JAPAN W/60 PCT TOTAL FON HOLDINGS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

TOKYO RESEARCH ORG FINDS RECORD 16,606 JAPANESE FIRMS WENT BANKRUPT IN FY'76, W/DEBTS TOTALLING 8.57 BIL DOLS (REUTER TOKYO).

WASHINGTON NATL GALLERY HAD GALA OPENING 4/7 TOKUGAWA EXHIBIT MASKS/ROBES. GUESTS INCLUDED PRES/CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER/AMB TOGO/JAPAN SOCIETY CHRMN J.D. ROCKEFELLER (GILDEA, WP).

#### 7. GENERAL

PRES ANNOUNCED NEW AMB APPOINTMENTS, INCL ATLANTA LAWYER PHILIP H. HALSTON, JR., TO AUSTRALIA; EX-SEN MIKE MANSFIELD TO JAPAN; AMB SULLIVAN, NOW IN PHILS, TO IRAN.

US AUTHORITIES ISSUED 102 VIOLATION NOTICES/CITATIONS TO FOREIGN VESSELS SINCE 200-MI FISHING ZONE WENT INTO EFFECT, THO NO BOATS SEIZED. USSR RECEIVED MOST W/20 NOTICES/38 CITATIONS; JAPANESE VESSELS GOT 1 NOTICE/9 CITATIONS; SK GOT 1 CITATION (UPI, WP).

#### COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 8. CHINA

TORONTO GLOBE/MAIL'S MUNRO REPORTS MAO'S SON, AN-CHING/WIFE, SIGNED PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE 4/6 REFERRING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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HUA AS "WISE LEADER," CALLING ON PEOPLE "CLOSELY RALLY AROUND" HIM (CSM).

IN 2ND ARTICLE, MUNRO VISITS TACHING OIL FIELD. FINDS DESPITE OIL DISCOVERY 18 YRS AGO, 500,000 CHINESE THERE STILL LIVE IN CRUMBLING BARRACK-LIKE BLDGS OF MUD/CANVAS TENTS. "DOWNTOWN TACHING" HAS FEWER THAN DOZEN SHOPS; DESPITE RELATIVELY HIGH WAGES, NOTHING FOR PEOPLE SPEND MONEY ON. REMARKS TACHING IS STEPPING STONE--IF YOUNG MAN WORKS HARD THERE 5 YRS OR SO/DOES RIGHT THINGS POLITICALLY, HIS FUTURE IN OIL INDUSTRY VIRTUALLY ASSURED.

SALISBURY DOES LENGTHY BOOK REVIEW ROXANNE WITKE'S "COMRADE CHIANG CH'ING" (LAT 4/3). CITES AUTHOR'S

PERSONAL CONTACTS IN PRC/EXPERIENCES W/CHIANG. OFFERS HIGH PRAISE FOR WORK/FINDS COMPARABLE TO EDGAR SNOW'S MONUMENTAL "RED STAR OVER CHINA."

9. INDOCHINA

STOREN (GLOBE 4/7) RECALLS PP MORE AMBIVALENT THAN FEARFUL WHEN KR FORCES ENTERED CITY, WHILE SAIGON RESIDENTS RIOTED IN FEAR/ANGER WHEN US LEFT. FINDS TRAGIC IRONY IN POST-WAR SITUATION, THAT DEMONSTRATES AGAIN HOW LITTLE US KNEW. QUOTES PONCHAUD'S "CAMBODGE ANNEE ZERO" RE MASSIVE TRAGEDY THAT TOOK PLACE THERE; POINTS OUT FAR FEWER INDICATIONS REPRISALS FROM VN. WONDERS WHY DIFFERENCES; OPINES DUE FACT HANOI LEADERSHIP IN POWER LONG TIME, MORE CONFIDENT, REPORTEDLY WEATHERED BLOODBATHS; KR LEADERS UNKNOWN EARLIER, IMPOSSIBLE FATHOM RUTHLESSNESS REVENGE. CALLS SIHANOUK'S OVERTHROW "SIGNIFICANT LOSS" TO CAMBODIA'S PEOPLE SINCE PAVED WAY FOR US INVASION/ WIDENING WAR. CONCLUDES RECRIMINATIONS MOCK REAL TRAGEDY OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO CAMBODIANS.

10. GENERAL

WSTAR (4/7) LOOKS OVER PRES' "BROTHER'S KEEPER" POLICY; UNCLASSIFIED

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SEES AURA PAROCHIALISM/PRESUMPTION/HYPOCRISY THAT ATTACHES TO NATION WHEN UNDERTAKES PROSELYTIZE FOR OWN STDS POL PRACTICE/JUSTICE. RECALLS W/TREPIDATION CASE OF PHILS AFTER SPAN-AM WAR WHEN MCKINLEY DECIDED "EDUCATE, UPLIFT, CIVILIZE, AND CHRISTIANIZE" FILS. NOTES CONTRADICTIONS: WE DON'T RUSH TO LECTURE NOTORIOUS OFFENDERS LIKE SK. WONDERS HOW RTS POLICY APPLIES TO PRC.

HOLUSHA (WSTAR 4/7) NOTES HOUSE HAS DEMONSTRATED HOW COMPLEX/DOUBLE-EDGED HUMAN RTS ISSUE IS BY DECIDING REQUIRE US REPS TO INTL LENDING AGENCIES VOTE VS LOANS TO COUNTRIES THAT ENGAGE IN CONSISTENT PATTERN GROSS VIOLATIONS HUMAN RTS. LAT (4/7) FINDS UNFORTUANTE THAT HOUSE ATTACHED HUMAN RTS AMENDMENT TO BILL AUTHORIZING US CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTILATERAL ORGS. SEES COMPLICATED MORAL QUESTION IN WITHHOLDING ECON AID AS LEVERAGE BECAUSE THOSE WHO SUFFER MOST FROM DENIAL ARE POOR/POWERLESS. ALSO NOTES SERIOUS QUESTIONS RAISED WHEN US TRIES FORCE HUMAN-RTS STDS ON MULTILATERAL LENDING AGENCIES. URGES SENATE RESIST TEMPTATION GOING ALONG W/HOUSE ON HUMAN RTS PROVISION THAT WOULD LEAD TO INJUSTICES BEING DONE IN NAME JUSTICE.

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